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### PRODUCTION

Month	Black coal 000 tonnes		Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes		Lead (b) '000 tonnes		Electricity mil. kWh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel 000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720 W '000		
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	
1978-79	July	6,167	6,090		35.2	8,555	7,437		28,038	22,892	628	633		397	372	38.1	38.0	240	229
	August	6,998	7,219	21,692	40.6	8,386	7,479	26,776	22,288	551	567	438	423	31.0	27.8	246	209		
	September	6,910	6,925		36.7	7,553	7,381	22,886	21,162	593	595	477	456	37.3	33.4	289	256		
	October	7,884	7,016		35.6	7,398	7,445	22,622	22,103	660	622	436	415	40.8	34.8	267	230		
	November	8,437	7,309	22,020	40.7	7,112	7,523	24,304	24,323	597	640	455	428	42.1	36.2	286	228		
	December	4,996	6,315		25.5	6,886	7,487	19,795	23,094	641	635	407	421	32.0	38.8	238	252		
	January	4,565	6,285		25.7	7,077	7,783	18,839	23,542	664	615	298	444	13.5	38.7	100	229		
	February	7,242	7,045	22,214	34.4	6,820	7,694	18,892	22,879	596	639	429	439	38.1	38.6	219	238		
	March	7,464	7,174		37.0	7,426	7,653	20,823	23,090	638	616	478	452	41.3	37.8	277	259		
	April	5,709	6,807		32.1	7,143	7,713	22,212	23,677	665	684	389	393	29.9	32.8	209	249		
	May	8,209	6,821	n.y.a.	40.7	8,275	7,862	25,076	23,571	671	640	456	437	48.1	39.4	233	235		
	June	7,107	6,722		n.y.a.	18,240	7,550	26,884	23,334	637	662	457	453	43.0	43.3	241	246		
1979-80	July	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		n.y.a.	18,979	7,804	129,784	24,134	686	686	1477	477	42.8	41.1	259	241		
	August	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	18,977	7,955	29,434	24,562	706	725	453	436	45.4	41.8	315	272		

(a) Gross mine output. (b) Metallic contents of mine products. (c) Available for issue through mains, includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state.

### PRODUCTION - continued

Month	Cotton woven cloth (excl. towelling) 000 sq m				Woollen and worsted woven cloth (excl. blanketing) 000 sq m				Man-made fibre-cloth 000 sq m				Meat 000 tonnes		Price Index Manufacturing Division (a)		Whole milk production all purposes mil. litres		Brokers and Dealers receipts of taxable wool		STOCKS (c)	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts tonnes	% of total received by brokers (b)	Original	Seas. adj.		
1978-79	July	3,983	3,876		1,607	650	11,024	224	219	223.3	309	482	28,929	70.9								
	August	13,813	3,422	710	659	11,408	240	230	224.3	453	478	73,106	76.0							20,146	20,081	
	September	4,267	3,477	662	666	10,873	235	231	227.0	607	490	88,012	76.7									
	October	3,871	3,477	1,827	712	12,324	259	243	229.7	753	483	107,746	77.8									
	November	3,642	3,373	831	673	11,888	258	248	231.5	724	468	91,065	75.8							20,551	20,658	
	December	2,791	3,140	642	724	8,942	208	239	233.6	665	463	50,813	75.1									
	January	1,228	3,118	345	637	4,207	215	236	237.0	579	462	37,547	73.7									
	February	3,061	2,903	756	673	11,541	229	244	241.5	434	480	34,939	70.7							21,285	21,279	
	March	4,214	3,878	743	643	12,340	243	232	244.7	375	457	41,955	71.7									
	April	2,766	3,333	1,547	629	10,126	199	218	248.7	289	454	32,532	73.2									
	May	3,599	3,442	662	624	13,682	216	195	252.1	243	467	32,671	74.1							22,006	21,964	
	June	14,491	3,837	1,660	752	13,822	182	181	255.3	231	471	22,989	72.6									
1979-80	July	13,921	3,804	1,755	756	13,618	189	184	258.9	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	43,102	74.3									
	August	4,104	3,256	816	768	13,354	214	208	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.									

(a) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division, or for use as capital equipment. (b) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (c) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5630.0.

OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS

Month	Total exports, value \$m		Total imports, value \$m		Value of merchandise at average 1974-75 prices (a)		Export price index		Balance on current account \$m		Net apparent capital inflow \$m		Official reserve assets (a) \$m	
					Exports Seas. adj.	Imports Seas. adj.	All groups 1959-60-100	All groups excl. wool	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Seas. adj.
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original
1978-79														
July	1,079	1,092	1,068	1,031	2,195	2,053	222	249	333	319	3,293	3,238		
August	1,038	999	1,135	1,033	226	254	356	246	3,315	3,353				
September	935	939	981	1,050	230	259	303	222	3,274	3,300				
October	1,137	1,148	1,194	1,151	232	261	367	266	3,328	3,356				
November	1,208	1,146	1,206	1,141	2,425	2,228	233	263	212	279	3,226	3,250		
December	1,088	1,148	1,034	1,157	238	269	258	195	3,200	3,219				
January	1,314	1,320	1,213	1,150	245	279	221	114	3,377	3,441				
February	1,132	1,178	1,051	1,124	2,596	2,114	253	287	102	325	3,723	3,708		
March	1,172	1,268	1,144	1,132	263	295	302	184	3,600	3,602				
April	1,246	1,259	1,120	1,235	270	304	278	371	3,677	3,620				
May	1,493	1,444	1,318	1,254	2,600	2,224	274	311	235	296	3,824	3,783		
June	1,406	1,346	1,288	1,348	279	318	189	208	3,885	3,848				
1979-80							n.y.a.	n.y.a.	246	113	3,865	3,818		
July	1,400	1,387	1,227	1,141	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	334	114	3,667	3,696		
August	1,299	1,228	1,325	1,211	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.						

(a) From the end of June 1976 gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month. (b) Replaces estimates at average 1966-67 prices. See publication 5421.0.

INTERNAL TRADE

Month	Retail Sales (a)						New motor cars and station wagons registered '000						Instalment credit for retail sales, finance companies and other business balances outstanding (e) \$m		
	All items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (b)		Food & drink (b)		Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture (b)		Other (b)(c)		New motor cars and station wagons registered '000		Other new motor vehicles registered (d) '000				
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original
1978-79															
July	1,939	2,062	2,940	3,011	2,064	2,128	1,045	1,093	38.2	37.7	12.2	11.4	2,943		
August	2,050	2,085	2,115	2,111	2,064	2,128	1,045	1,093	44.5	40.4	10.9	10.3	2,956		
September	2,059	2,114	3,331	3,106	2,530	2,170	1,345	1,146	41.6	43.0	9.8	10.3	2,967		
October	2,091	2,124	2,114	2,114	2,530	2,170	1,345	1,146	38.8	39.0	9.9	9.9	2,983		
November	2,224	2,114	3,331	3,106	2,530	2,170	1,345	1,146	39.1	37.4	9.9	9.5	3,000		
December	2,891	2,184	2,182	2,182	2,182	2,182	1,345	1,146	35.2	38.6	8.6	9.4	3,027		
January	2,038	2,182	2,203	2,149	2,189	2,193	2,235	2,134	31.0	35.1	7.7	8.9	3,027		
February	1,945	2,203	2,149	2,189	2,193	2,193	2,235	2,134	35.4	38.8	9.4	10.7	3,021		
March	2,174	2,217	2,206	2,206	2,206	2,206	2,221	2,150	38.9	37.1	9.5	9.3	3,017		
April	2,076	2,247	3,230	3,297	2,247	2,221	1,080	1,152	36.4	37.3	8.7	9.3	3,016		
May	2,324	2,247	3,230	3,297	2,247	2,221	1,080	1,152	45.4	40.3	10.7	9.5	3,029		
June	2,138	2,224	2,224	2,224	2,224	2,224	2,224	2,224	40.2	40.1	9.7	8.7	3,034		
1979-80															
July	2,163	2,308	2,304	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	44.2	43.2	10.4	9.5	3,040		
August	2,301	2,304	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	43.4	39.6	9.8	9.1	n.y.a.		

(a) Based on the 1973-74 census of retail establishments. (b) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (c) Other: excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (d) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses. (e) At end of month, amounts financed to new agreements made were: April \$m136, May \$m160, June \$m138, July \$m143.

**WAGES, FACTORY OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES**

Month	Average weekly earnings per employed male unit \$		Weekly wage rates index, adult males (c) 1954 = 100	Factory overtime (b) at larger private factories hours		Consumer price index, six capitals, 1966-67 = 100.0 unless otherwise noted (a)														
						All groups		Food (d)		Clothing		Housing		Household equipment and operation		Transportation	Original	Original	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care (e)
	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original
1978-79	July	218.90	221.40	1543.7	2.5	2.6	252.5	234.9	236.0	238.8	242.6	274.8	290.5	224.2	259.7	287.5	245.3	350.2	117.6	
				1543.8	2.4	2.5														
				547.2	2.7	2.7														
				1547.3	2.8	2.7														
				1547.5	3.1	2.9	258.2	244.0	244.0											
				1569.5	3.0	3.0														
				1569.6	2.4	3.1														
				1569.7	3.0	2.9	262.6	251.9	251.9											
				1570.0	3.1	2.9														
				1570.2	2.8	3.0														
	May	232.80	231.40	1570.3	3.0	2.9	269.6	263.3	267.4	276.6	274.8	294.3	227.8	265.8	286.5	285.4	121.7			
	June			588.0	n.y.a.	n.y.a.														
1979-80	July			588.0	n.y.a.	n.y.a.														
	August	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.														

(a) The composition of the group structure of the index has been altered with the introduction, from December quarter 1976, of the ninth Consumer Price Index series. (b) Source: Department of Employment and Industrial Relations. Average hours worked in survey week. (c) Weighted average. Excludes rural. (d) Quarterly series may be derived by averaging the three monthly figures. However, in some cases quarterly index numbers so derived differ slightly from the quarterly figure as published in *Consumer Price Index* bulletins due to rounding. (e) Base December quarter 1968 = 100.0. (f) Base September quarter 1976 = 100.0.

**BUILDING, ETC.**

Month	Building approvals \$m		Building approvals dwellings 000 units		Government building approved \$m		Building commenced total \$m		Dwellings commenced 000 units		Materials used in house building		Materials used in building other than house building		Price indexes (a)		New capital expenditure by private enterprises			
															Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original		
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	
1978-79	July	468.6	451.8	9.4	9.3	81.3	1,672.9	1,599.7	29.1	27.6	259.0	260.2	260.9	262.0	263.0	262.5	266.9	264.6	266.9	268.3
		573.1	589.9	10.4	9.9	20.1					259.4	259.4	259.4	259.4	260.5	260.5	260.5	260.5	260.5	260.5
		522.8	522.8	9.9	9.9	72.1					261.3	261.3	261.3	261.3	261.3	261.3	261.3	261.3	261.3	261.3
		582.5	545.4	11.1	10.6	105.7					262.0	262.0	262.0	262.0	262.0	262.0	262.0	262.0	262.0	262.0
		637.3	608.3	11.4	10.6	108.9	1,582.1	1,679.1	26.8	28.5	263.0	263.0	263.0	263.0	263.0	263.0	263.0	263.0	263.0	263.0
		460.1	516.1	9.8	11.1	70.6					264.6	264.6	264.6	264.6	264.6	264.6	264.6	264.6	264.6	264.6
		560.8	641.3	9.8	11.0	114.8	1,752.7	1,825.5	31.8	31.7	270.9	273.4	273.4	273.4	273.4	273.4	273.4	273.4	273.4	273.4
		582.4	575.8	11.9	11.1	108.0					273.7	273.7	273.7	273.7	273.7	273.7	273.7	273.7	273.7	273.7
		507.2	527.3	10.2	11.0	81.9					277.2	277.2	277.2	277.2	277.2	277.2	277.2	277.2	277.2	277.2
		667.5	582.8	13.6	11.9	115.7	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	31.8	30.7	278.6	288.8	288.8	288.8	288.8	288.8	288.8	288.8	288.8	288.8
	June	651.7	585.9	12.0	11.1	122.6					280.2	279.3	279.3	279.3	279.3	279.3	279.3	279.3	279.3	279.3
1979-80	July	606.8	562.7	12.4	n.y.a.	n.y.a.					283.6	285.2	285.2	285.2	285.2	285.2	285.2	285.2	285.2	285.2
	August	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.					287.6	288.5	288.5	288.5	288.5	288.5	288.5	288.5	288.5	288.5

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities. 1966-67 = 100.0.

## FINANCE

Month	Savings banks - Depositors' Balances (a) \$m		Major Trading Banks (b)				Finance companies balances outstanding (c) \$m	Housing finance for owner occupation value of loans approved (d)		Common wealth bond yield short dated (f) per cent		Listed companies new money raised \$m		Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m		
			Deposits \$m		Advances \$m			Banks \$m		Permanent building societies \$m		Other lenders (e) \$m				
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	
1978-79 - July	18,222	18,262	17,637	18,444	13,685	13,567	15,635	256	149	80	8.83	407.7	1,648	2,172		
August	18,381	18,361	18,255	18,856	13,962	13,953	15,665	303	170	89	8.79	2,113	2,104			
September	18,537	18,395	18,600	19,108	14,142	14,158	15,847	290	164	80	8.79	1,633	2,179			
October	18,636	18,417	18,952	19,176	14,516	14,278	15,988	300	177	93	8.69	1,658	2,146			
November	18,677	18,543	19,232	19,189	14,488	14,426	16,244	342	195	105	8.66	1,500.8	2,396			
December	18,870	18,747	19,601	19,335	14,683	14,680	16,469	246	164	79	8.67	1,776	2,270			
January	19,056	18,996	20,046	19,312	14,537	14,624	16,490	334	172	80	8.72	2,115	2,338			
February	19,278	19,161	20,461	19,645	14,479	14,889	16,554	318	204	68	8.77	1,722.2	2,347			
March	19,340	19,463	20,852	20,023	14,651	14,963	16,650	316	216	97	9.00	2,227	2,383			
April	19,229	19,558	20,653	20,093	15,134	15,045	16,751	276	176	87	9.61	3,346	2,425			
May	19,462	19,758	19,902	20,130	15,218	15,024	16,984	355	183	109	9.71	2,001.4	3,233			
June	19,833	19,885	19,602	20,370	15,203	15,105	17,137	305	166	89	9.14	2,623	2,342			
1979-80 - July	19,927	19,980	19,548	20,429	15,447	15,318	17,428.7	313	165	91	9.94	n.y.a.	n.y.a.			
August	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	19,905	20,622	15,580	15,568	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	9.94	n.y.a.	n.y.a.			

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Amounts shown relate to all types of finance agreements and provide a broad overall measure of finance company activity. For further details see the monthly publication *Finance Companies* (5614.0). (d) Includes loans for alterations and additions. (e) Includes Terminating Building Societies, Finance companies, Credit Unions, Insurance companies and Government Instrumentalities. (f) This series was previously based on rebate bonds which were issued prior to 1 November 1980. Income on these bonds was subject to income tax at current rates less a rebate of 10 cents in each dollar of Australian Government loan interest included in taxable income. The series is now based on non rebate bonds.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

Quarter	Final consumption expenditure												Gross fixed capital expenditure				
	Gross domestic product \$m		Gross farm product \$m		Gross non-farm product \$m		Private \$m		Government \$m		Private \$m		Public \$m				
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	
AT CURRENT PRICES																	
1977-78	March	21,718	22,805	870	982	20,848	21,823	13,028	13,673	3,620	3,867	2,824	3,131	1,803	2,090		
	June	22,615	23,501	582	1,051	22,033	22,450	14,201	14,200	4,038	3,904	3,530	3,378	2,320	1,978		
1978-79	September	23,918	24,454	1,017	1,510	22,901	22,944	14,398	14,511	4,060	4,093	3,372	3,378	1,815	1,966		
	December	27,085	24,971	2,348	1,586	24,737	23,385	15,692	14,895	4,278	4,124	3,808	3,602	2,082	1,991		
	March	25,351	25,954	2,162	1,706	23,169	24,248	14,750	15,450	3,968	4,238	3,347	3,716	1,794	2,094		
	June	25,300	26,565	1,115	1,888	24,185	24,677	15,707	15,704	4,383	4,239	3,969	3,797	2,526	2,153		
AT AVERAGE 1974-75 PRICES																	
1977-78	March	15,580	16,519	789	927	14,791	15,592	9,199	9,650	2,624	2,770	1,951	2,157	1,269	1,483		
	June	15,711	16,559	398	947	15,313	15,612	9,839	9,819	2,881	2,789	2,397	2,288	1,618	1,363		
1978-79	September	16,502	17,020	719	1,282	15,783	15,738	9,762	9,830	2,838	2,861	2,280	2,276	1,253	1,362		
	December	18,920	17,151	2,093	1,288	16,827	15,863	10,336	9,837	2,968	2,887	2,499	2,382	1,418	1,360		
	March	17,090	17,326	1,806	1,226	15,284	16,100	9,520	9,978	2,682	2,832	2,150	2,379	1,184	1,391		
	June	16,126	17,264	477	1,305	15,649	15,959	9,937	9,915	2,938	2,845	2,503	2,391	1,643	1,385		
AT CURRENT PRICES - continued																	
Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises																	
Imports of goods and services \$m		Exports of goods and services \$m		Companies \$m		Other \$m		Wages, salaries and supplements \$m		Income of farm unincor- porated enterprises \$m		Other household income \$m		Less direct taxes, etc. (a) \$m		Household disposable income \$m	
Quarter	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original
1977-78	March	3,632	3,634	3,280	3,414	2,284	2,683	4,280	4,636	12,670	13,049	379	18,446	3,457	15,368		
	June	3,406	3,796	3,571	3,542	2,708	2,745	4,001	4,876	13,174	13,279	79	19,984	5,205	14,859		
1978-79	September	4,057	3,959	3,536	3,592	2,705	2,701	5,193	5,126	13,484	13,643	492	19,935	2,812	17,616		
	December	4,278	4,400	3,988	3,818	3,240	2,781	6,784	5,597	14,165	13,655	1,731	21,237	3,008	19,960		
	March	4,278	4,275	4,216	4,384	2,275	2,719	6,069	5,899	13,842	14,290	1,561	20,489	3,744	18,306		
	June	4,642	4,636	4,583	4,542	2,729	2,782	5,036	6,280	14,388	14,462	542	21,896	5,704	16,734		

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid or payable by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) ('000)

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (c) ('000)

Month	Males		Females		Persons		Looking for full-time		Looking for part-time work		Total			Survey estimates (d)
	Original	Seas. adj. (b)	Original	Seas. adj. (b)	Original	Seas. adj. (b)	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons	
1977-78 June	4,076.7		2,307.5		6,384.2		205.4	125.2	61.8	216.7	175.6	392.3		
1978-79 July	4,059.3		2,316.8		6,376.1		202.4	123.0	52.6	211.1	166.9	378.0		
August	4,053.8	4,075.8	2,311.5	2,327.1	6,365.3	6,404.0	207.3	125.3	63.1	221.5	174.2	395.7		
September	4,059.0		2,310.5		6,369.6		204.7	120.1	59.7	218.1	166.4	384.5		
October	4,062.7		2,311.5		6,374.1		194.0	111.9	61.6	207.9	159.6	367.5		
November	4,052.4	4,067.5	2,314.6	2,320.3	6,367.0	6,388.1	191.0	117.9	60.9	206.4	163.3	369.7		
December	4,165.3		2,373.5		6,538.7		219.0	153.9	67.4	241.6	199.7	441.2		
January	4,119.3		2,266.8		6,386.1		235.2	155.9	55.0	250.0	196.1	446.2		
February	4,135.4	4,107.1	2,337.5	2,322.4	6,472.9	6,427.1	229.5	152.2	72.3	241.8	212.1	453.9		
March	4,127.4		2,359.2		6,486.6		206.6	146.9	71.4	223.1	201.8	425.0		
April	4,124.6		2,348.5		6,473.1		202.1	144.2	70.4	217.2	199.5	416.8		
May	4,118.9	4,110.0	2,321.0	2,315.7	6,439.9	6,426.7	197.7	137.5	61.4	210.6	186.0	396.6		
June	4,115.6		2,331.3		6,446.9		192.8	130.7	65.8	206.0	183.3	389.3	34.3	
1979-80 July	4,112.4		2,337.8		6,450.2		188.1	131.8	63.7	201.6	182.0	383.6		
August	4,100.7	4,122.8	2,314.6	2,329.4	6,415.3	6,453.4	180.1	130.1	60.8	196.1	177.6	373.7	33.0	

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. The labour force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed. (b) Seasonally adjusted estimates available only for February, May, August and November. (c) Labour force survey estimates. Suspension of seasonally adjusted unemployment estimates is explained in the November 1977 issue of *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). (d) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see *Job Vacancies, May 1979* (6231.0).

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES (a) (b)

Month	Total civilian employees '000						Private/Government '000 persons				Principal industries '000 persons			
	Males		Females		Persons		Private		Government		Manufacturing		Wholesale and Retail Trade	
Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original
1977-78 May	2,951.9	2,942.5	1,768.0	1,766.1	4,719.9	4,708.6	3,221.4	3,217.8	1,498.5	1,490.8	1,127.7	1,126.5	964.2	963.6
June (c)	2,943.8	2,937.3	1,769.6	1,769.4	4,713.4	4,706.7	3,214.9	3,215.6	1,498.5	1,491.1	1,123.6	1,124.2	964.3	964.5
1978-79 July (c)	2,939.6	2,938.6	1,772.3	1,770.7	4,711.8	4,709.3	3,211.4	3,215.7	1,500.4	1,493.6	1,121.7	1,123.4	961.7	963.9
August	2,935.7	2,939.5	1,772.0	1,771.8	4,707.7	4,711.3	3,208.1	3,215.2	1,499.6	1,496.1	1,119.4	1,121.5	959.8	963.7
September (c)	2,934.9	2,942.3	1,774.5	1,772.8	4,709.4	4,715.1	3,210.9	3,216.2	1,498.5	1,498.9	1,120.2	1,121.5	961.9	964.8
October (c)	2,936.6	2,944.5	1,783.3	1,778.0	4,719.9	4,722.5	3,220.9	3,220.5	1,499.0	1,502.0	1,126.7	1,125.4	967.4	966.6
November (c)	2,946.9	2,950.2	1,797.5	1,785.4	4,742.7	4,735.6	3,242.0	3,230.5	1,500.7	1,505.1	1,131.9	1,129.0	975.8	968.7
December	2,951.4	2,954.7	1,792.0	1,794.9	4,742.4	4,749.6	3,247.6	3,240.2	1,494.8	1,509.3	1,127.3	1,130.9	984.3	973.5
January	2,947.1	2,955.6	1,774.3	1,797.3	4,721.4	4,752.9	3,228.4	3,244.7	1,492.9	1,508.2	1,125.5	1,131.3	970.3	975.0
February	2,959.3	2,956.4	1,793.8	1,798.4	4,753.1	4,754.8	3,248.4	3,250.6	1,504.7	1,504.2	1,136.8	1,134.2	972.9	976.4
March	2,967.6	2,961.1	1,805.2	1,802.8	4,772.7	4,762.9	3,263.0	3,257.7	1,509.8	1,505.2	1,143.0	1,137.9	975.7	977.5
April	2,966.0	2,958.0	1,807.8	1,803.5	4,773.7	4,761.5	3,261.5	3,256.1	1,512.2	1,505.4	1,138.5	1,136.1	977.7	977.6
May	2,971.6	2,962.2	1,812.3	1,809.2	4,783.9	4,771.4	3,270.3	3,265.8	1,513.5	1,505.6	1,140.8	1,139.6	980.3	979.8
June	2,964.8	2,958.6	1,813.1	1,811.7	4,777.9	4,770.3	3,265.0	3,264.8	1,512.9	1,505.5	1,139.2	1,140.0	976.6	976.8

(a) The estimates contained in this table are based on benchmarks established by analysing data from the 1971 population census and other relevant sources. Employees in agriculture and private domestic service and defence forces are excluded. (b) Seasonally adjusted estimates in this statement have been revised. For details of the methods used see *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, 1979* (1308.0). (c) Affected by industrial dispute.

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